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Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 14 KINGDOM A&S *Drygestan* ○
 20-22 GREAT HUNT *Gleann Medonach*
 21 BUNNIES IN THE WIND *Windkeep*
 29 CUBAN BALLISTA CRISIS *al-Barran* ○

MAY

- 5 MAY DAY MELEES *Drygestan* ○
 12-13 SPRING CORONATION *Fontaine* ○
 19 MOUNTAIN MAYHEM *Readstan*
 23-28 GRAND OUTLANDISH XXXIV *al-Barran* ○

⌘ attendance by His Excellency ❖ attendance by Her Excellency ○ attendance by Their Excellencies

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BARONIAL COURT



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the Fair
Baroness

Baron's Champion: Lord Alrik Boleslavsson

Captain of the Guard: Lord Dermod of Killarney
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Lord Alrik Boleslavsson

Lady of May:
Lady Astrídr Halfdanardóttir

Outlandish Blade: Lord Óengus mac Conchobhair

Flower of Chivalry: Don Charles Robert Blackstone

Rapier Flower of Chivalry: Don Govanen Blackwell

Bard of al-Barran: Sheik Omar Mohammud Mirzazadeh

Protector of the Baroness's Heart: Lord Traithgren McCormick

Champion Archer: Sir Stefan of the Wanderers

Baronial Arts and Science Champion: Uasal Óengus au Faeláin

From the Baron and Baroness

His Excellency Gregor and I send a mighty Greeting to the grand populous of al-Barran.

We would like to thank Sir Dennis the Wright for autocrating Spring Crown Tournament in Moriarty, as well as Baron Morris O'Fiaich for cooking up such a wonderful feast. Congratulations to Their Highnesses Muirdach MacGregor and Madigan of Kandahar for a successful tourney, may your forthcoming reign be fruitful. Thank you, as well to all of the gentles that helped make this fine event a success!

We would also like to thank Qadan for a fun day at Winter Wolf. The fighting was glorious and the lunch was superb! Thank you as well to all those wonderful people who helped make this event a success. We had a wonderful time!

With all that being said, we still have more to do. There will be lots to do for the rest of the year so please volunteer to help early and often. The Cuban Ballista Crisis approaches and Grand Outlandish is just around the corner. Both of these events promise to be loads of fun!

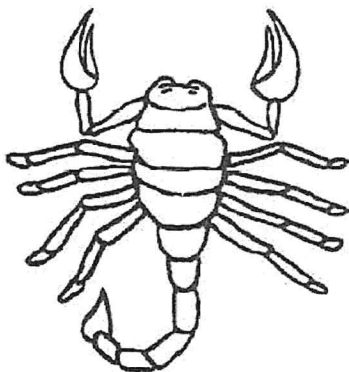
Please stay tuned to your local Shaft and tell a friend about getting this great publication.

Gregor

BARON

Monika

BARONESS



From the Seneschal!

Greetings to All,

March was a very busy month for al-Barran with Crown Tournament, Winter Wolf, AND Sworded Affaire. For three of the five weekends we had an event. It was a very busy month indeed. But we all had a great time. Crown provided a lot of pomp and ceremony. For those of you who couldn't make it, you missed a wonderful sight as all the entrants processed onto the field. The feast was excellent (thank you for that Baron Morris), and Sir Dennis did a wonderful job ensuring that Their Majesties and Their Highnesses were well taken care of. Winter Wolf was another excellent day with lively tourneys for both heavy and light happening. Congratulations to all the new Champions of Blaiddwyn. Sworded Affaire provided us all with several exciting classes and light fighters with a great opportunity to improve their skills.

April will be another month with many things going on. There is Kingdom A&S in Drygestan on the 14th. The 7th, 21st, and 28th are all Grand Outlandish Clean Up days. Please make the time to come out to Torrance County Park and help us prepare for another Grand Outlandish. April 29th brings the Cuban Ballista Crisis. Those dangerous Fontainese are rumored to be hoarding weapons of mass destruction in Cuba and we must ensure the safety of our great Barony. Come join us in Cuba for a great time with siege engines, heavy and light fighting, archery, and A&S. This is a demo, so bring your best to show it off.

Now that we are moving into the camping season, remember that we are in a plague state and be careful of your surrounds and your health. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at an event soon.

In service,

THL Y Port Lairge



From the Mistress of the Lists

Greetings unto the Populace of al-Barran!

It is with great pleasure that I announce an upcoming list class. This class will be held at noon on Sunday, April 15th. The location will be fighter practice park (Bataan Park). Any who are interested in learning how to run a list are encouraged to attend. Both men and women can run a list.

Heavy weapons fighters who are not interested in light fighting, but like to watch fighting in any form could learn to run a list. Light weapons fighters who are not interested in heavy fighting, but like to watch fighting in any form could learn to run a list.

Gentlemen who are better lovers than fighters could learn to run a list.

And ladies...we all know that we have a better head for keeping track of men than they do!

I encourage any and all who would like to have a "sit down" job within the SCA to come and learn to run a list.

I look forward to seeing all those who are interested Sunday, April 15 at noon.

With Warmest Regards,

Bantiarna Seale inghean Roibeard



From the Baronial Scribe

Greetings to all,

The scribes of al-Barran have been busy, showcasing their talents in service to the kingdom. With the recent events, these are the scribes who have provided scroll for the Crown of the Outlands.

Mistress Monika von Zell has been particularly busy. She provided a scroll for Estrella War, and two back scrolls for Crown.

Mistress Cailte did a back scroll that was presented at Crown Tournament.

Lady Odile did a scroll for Estrella War.

Michael M'Quillane also did a scroll for Estrella War.

THLady Ymany Murray has done three kingdom scrolls in the last month.

Lady Elanor Dreamweaver also did a scroll for Estrella.

I have already been informed that I will be receiving baronial assignments in the immediate future. So keep your hand on your quill and an eye on the al-Barran list.

Also, with the weather becoming increasingly pleasant, we are considering having scribal get-togethers at fighter practice park on Sundays. I will post the specifics on the al-Barran list as they become available. Hopefully, we will be able to catch the attention of potential new members of our barony with the amazing works of our local scribes, and keep each other informed of new techniques, resources, and sometimes just chat about what we love so much about scribal arts.

Take care, and remember the great contributions of our scribes to the artistic culture of our great barony.

Semper Vigilans,

Lord Michael M'Quillane

From the Chronicler

Joyful greetings,

I'm pleased to report that I've found a deputy. Mistress AEIflaed, who has many years of experience as a Chronicler, has graciously offered her help with the Shaft. I am looking forward to working with her on future issues.

It's time once again to make sure your directory listings are updated, as we will be publishing the al-Barran directory soon. Please send any updates or additions to Lady Lyneya (jfiles@earthlink.net or 254-4771) by April 14, 2007. If you are adding a new listing, we need the following information: SCA name, mundane name, and at least one method of contact (email or phone). You can also share with us any offices you currently hold and what your SCA interests are.

Finally, submissions for the May issue of the Shaft are due to me by April 20th. Artwork, poetry, articles, interviews, opinions, event reports — anything you think you might like to contribute — are always welcome.

Serving al-Barran,
Lady Kymma Godric



From the Reeve

Greetings Unto the Populace,

There are many events that are ahead of us. Those events will have sign-in points whether or not it is a paid event. I would like to make sure that the gates are run properly. This is due to the accounting that I have to deal with after the event. I am offering gate classes on the following dates: April 1st, April 22nd, and May 6th. These classes will be held at Fighter Practice Park at 12:30. I will have handouts available.

I am also in search for a deputy. If you are interested please let me know.

The coffers have money and we have several events coming up quickly. If you need to send in a pre-reg form or Shaft subscription money please send it to:

Barony of al-Barran
P.O. Box 27676
Albuquerque, NM 87125

Please also note on the envelope what it is for: GOT, Shaft, etc.

In Service,
Lady Síle inghean Duibh Darach

From the Captain of Archers

Greetings unto All,

Mistress Spring has gratefully returned to us for the benefit of all. Practices for the month of April will be the 14th and 21st at Sir Stefan's range. Some other practice dates may be available if the East Mountain range is open again. At the time of this writing there is no word on that, so please stay tuned to the e-lists for such information.

In other updates, April 29 will be the rumored Cuban Ballista Crisis and at the end of May, we will have Grand Outlandish. Archery plans are underway for both, so please stay tuned. It should be fun, whatever happens!

Yours in Service,

Lady Lyneya del Filde



This Month in al-Barran History

by Mistress AEIflaed of Duckford

Ten Years Ago in al-Barran

In April, A.S. XXXI, Needham and Susan were Baron and Baroness. Some of the officers were Lord Adam the Persistent (Seneschal), Master Iric (Herald), Lord Trevor (Marshal), Mistress Malchia (A&S), Lady Stephanie (Chronicler), THL Elenfea of Starwood (Reeve), Lady Fermina (Hospitaller), Doña Ainrea (Quartermaster), and the Champion of al-Barran was Lord Martino.

Twenty Years Ago in al-Barran

In April A.S. XXI, Sir Argon Skulcrusher, the Queen's Champion, had been a knight for two months when his girlfriend, Lady Tara, autocratted the third Crown Tournament of the Outlands, at San Gabriel Park, on Candelaria west of Rio Grande Blvd. (years before the expansion of the Rio Grande Nature Center). Argon won and so was "Your Highness" and not "Sir," so soon in his career. Before coronation, he changed his name to Artan macAilin and was the first king of that name. [A.S. XLI has seen another new knight win Crown Tournament, though Mordygán had seven months of "Sir" before advancing to higher titles.]

Fun and Surviving at Outdoor SCA Events

by Sir Dennis the Wright, originally for Guest Fest



Basics of Camping

- Do not panic!
- Have lots of water.
- Keep First Aid kit with your medications CLEARLY marked.
- Use bleach in the final rinse water.
- Have a special bag with pockets, a case for keys, money, wallet, etc.
- Bring a fire extinguisher.
- Bring plenty of trash bags!
- Know how to purify water.
- Plan your food based upon how much ice you have and what will spoil first.
- Always plan your food menu to include extra food that is ready to eat or just needs water—pancakes, pop tarts, fruit juices, noodles.
- As much as possible, put Friday's food into one cooler, Saturday's food into another cooler, etc. A separate drink cooler is always a good idea.
- Pack extra soap for cleaning dishes.
- A gallon of water per person per day is a good minimum.
- Who is your partner? Who knows if you are late getting to site or coming back from site? Who is your backup for carrying things or people in case of a problem?

Camping in Cool Weather

- Wear many layers of DRY clothing and not one big one.
- Do not sweat under all of those clothes.
- Drink lots of water.
- A potato or hot chocolate consumed before bedtime will help you sleep warmer and longer.
- Insulate between you and Mother Earth.
- Tightly roll your first layer of tomorrow's clothing and place inside of and at bottom of sleeping bag/blankets.
- Be sure to keep the head covered and warm.
- Two Eskimos will not freeze to death but one will! Share body heat.

Camping in Hot Weather

- Make sure to pack sunscreen.
- Drink lots of water!
- Avoid wearing metal next to skin.
- Insulate between you and Mother Earth.
- Make sure that you have enough clothes on to make an emergency exit.
- Wear a wide-brim hat to shade your face and neck.
- Take frequent rest stops.

Anywhere Near the Combat Field

- Wear boots: closed heel and toe with two pairs of clean socks.
- Bring water.
- Have knowledge of the fighting and what might happen.
- HOLD! is the magic word.
- Volunteer.
- Take pictures!

Anywhere Near the Party

- Be responsible at all times.
- Drink lots of water.
- Be courteous at all times: respect to Peers, host, those weaker than yourself.
- Announce yourself to the camp. Do not pop in unless you know that you and others were invited.
- Introduce yourself and ask questions.
- A guest with a gift is an honored guest!

Special Items that I Bring

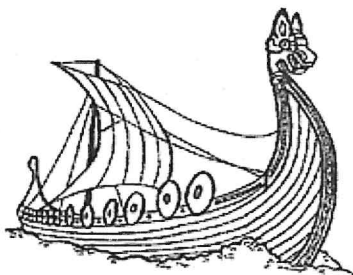
- Bleach
- Breakfast Bars/Pop Tarts
- Fruit—for eating and for ants
- Duct tape - not just for armour; cars/coolers/etc like it too!
- Tool kit
- Cell phone
- Maps
- Rescue blanket
- Extra cloths for drying
- Tons of clean, dry socks
- Toilet paper
- Baronial or personal device on board/shield/tarp—can be seen from the road

Trouble Signs

- Person has white skin and looks like they are in a shower.
- Person has BRIGHT red skin and is not sweating even though it's hot or they have been exercising.
- The pupils are two different sizes.
- Huge headache.
- Trouble knowing who you are, where they are at, or what they were doing next.
- Too much alcohol — see security/knights for general problems and chirurgeon for injuries—check intoxicated person several times during the night.

Neat Things to Do

- Merchants Row
- Fighting
- Parties
- Most importantly—meet other people and HAVE FUN!



Guest Fest

Thursdays at 7:00
in garb, at Manzano Mesa Center
More extensive information on Guest Fest is here:
<http://sandraddodd.com/thursday>

Between now and Grand Outlandish, the following sessions are offered:

April 5 **Master Tomas Fraser, Laurel**

The making of the windows for Midwinter.

April 12 **Mistress AnneAliz de Bâle, Pelican**

Doing research using the Web, library, etc.

April 19 **Sir Jochen von Balduinseck, Knight and Pelican**

Wood carving in general, and carved spoon ideas, techniques and history.

April 26 **Duke Koris Natterhelm, Knight and Pelican**

Training and Command techniques used to build an army

May 3 **Mistress Monika von Zell, Pelican**

Women and Work in the Middle Ages

From art, letters and other evidence, what were women doing?

May 10 **Duchess Leah Kasmira, Laurel**

Making hair nets. (Real net, not a crocheted snood.)

May 17 **Master Aldred Colson, Pelican**

Field Heraldry Workshop

Coordinator: Mistress Ælflæd of Duckford,
299-2476, Sandra@SandraDodd.com



Asta, Beatrice, and Lord Magnus singing at Guest Fest.

Regular Activities

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. *Directions:* Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit. Turn South onto Eubank. Continue on Eubank past Central and turn left onto Southern Ave. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth, parking is on the back side. *Contact:* THL Y, 265-0161.

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* THL Chinua, 220-3136.

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons at Bataan Park; the park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact:* Lady Elisabeth, 891-4555.

Westside Fighter Practice First and third Saturdays from 9am to 11am at Paradise Hills Park near the northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (west) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (it's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact:* THL Samuel 891-3821.

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am. Please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Sir Stefan's home. *Contact:* Lady Lyneya del Filde for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org.

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Held on Wednesdays starting at 7:00 pm. Fighter practice is held in front of Carlisle Gym. *Directions:* Go west from Redondo and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm. *Contact:* Josh, the Blaiddwyn Knight Marshal, by email at kobbie44d@msn.com.

Newcomers Household Meeting will be on 4/10 at 2830 Florida NE at 6:30pm. These are informal meetings to discuss/learn about various subjects such as preparing for a camping event, the meaning of honor, how to make a T-tunic, protocol, etc. A newcomer is being defined as a member for less than 2 years, but all are welcome. *Contact* THL Christopher Blackwood at 872-2994.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact:* Lady Monika at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

Regular Activities

Blaiddwyn Dance Practice Every Monday starting at 7:00pm in the Student Union Buildings Santa Ana room on the 3rd floor. We alternate between court dance and belly dance. The first and third Monday is court dance. Bring a drum on the second and forth Monday for belly dance. *Contact: Lady Dovey by email at alzarqa13@yahoo.com.*

Blaiddwyn Populous Meeting 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00pm at the Frontier Restaurant across from UNM at Central and Cornell. All are welcome to this business meeting for the College. *Contact: Lord Rab, 362-6032 or by email at sca@unm.edu.*

Court Dance Practice Our next Court Dance practice is on April 15th at Bataan Park from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Everyone age 7 and up is welcome. There are also court dance practices at UNM on the 3rd floor of the SUB, every other Monday evening with Lady Dovey. Please see the article in this issue for further details. *For more info, contact Lady Jayne at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453 or join our free discussion list: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/*

Guest Fest This is a series of talks and workshops on many topics. We meet every Thursday. Please visit the website for more information: <http://www.sandradodd.com/thursday>. *Contact: Mistress AEIflaed of Duckford at 299-2476 or by email at sandra@sandradodd.com.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. *Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldy-rosamond@msn.com OR THL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.*

al-Barran Youth Team This team has regularly scheduled team meetings to discuss youth activities, plans and important information for youth and parents in al-Barran. There is also a local discussion list for al-Barran youth, parents and volunteers. To join this free yahoo discussion list, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/al-Barran_Youth_and_Parents/. Please contact Lady Jayne at kreg@aps.edu or 293-7453 for further information.

Scribes' Workshop Learn the art of Calligraphy and Illumination. Scribes gather weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Location is the workshop of Baron Sebastian and THL Alexandra. Please call ahead (256-1906) for directions and to make sure the workshop will be held that night.

Intro to Bellydancing for Timid Folk Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 410 Columbia SE. *Contact Lady Saelomon at 265-5319 or spitfiyre@yahoo.com for more information.*

Outlands' Kingdom A&S Competition

Shire of Drygestan

April 14, 2007

Site opens: 8:00 a.m., closes at 7:00 p.m.

Courtyard by Marriott

3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM

Site is DRY

(Any brewing and vintning entries shall be discreetly displayed/judged on-site.)

The Shire of Drygestan has been given the honor to host the Kingdom's Arts and Sciences Competition. Please join the Shire of Drygestan in the showcasing of this fair Kingdom's artisans and scientists!

Court will be held at Their Majesties' discretion. The vigil for THLady Derdriu O'Fionnghaill of Clare will be held during the day.

Fees:

Adult Site: \$15.00*

Child (4-16) Site: \$ 5.00

*As always, the non-member surcharge of \$3.00 applies to the site fee, if the gentle is not a current member of the Society. Physical proof of membership will be required.

Due to State law and the hotel rules, no afternoon or evening feast will be provided. However, the hotel has kindly agreed to allow us to bring in outside food for personal lunches. Liquid refreshments (e.g., coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and ice water) will be provided all day. For more information about nearby restaurants and hotels/motels, please check on the Kingdom A&S Competition website, located on the Kingdom's website and Shire of Drygestan's site – outlandsdrygestan.com.

Pre-Registration:

Pre-registration is required and can be done by filling out the form provided online (preferred), located on the Kingdom website or by writing to the Kingdom Minister of A&S at artsandsciences@outlands.org. All pre-registrations must be completed by April 9, 2007. All entrants must check in to site no later than 10 a.m. Rules for Kingdom A&S can be found along with the list of categories on the Kingdom A&S website.

Directions to Site:

From the King's Highway (I-25), either north- or south-bound, take the Cerrillos Road North exit (Exit 276). Cerrillos Road is also identified as NM Highway 14. Head into town (north) and continue through a few stoplights. After Avenida de las Americas, turn left into the hotel's parking lot. If you get to Richards Avenue, turn left onto Richards Avenue and go through the IHOP parking lot and turn right on Cerrillos Road. From the North on US84/285 (which becomes St. Francis Drive), turn right on Cerrillos Road. After the Richards Avenue stoplight, turn right into the hotel's parking lot.

Autocrat:

THLady Renee Nix of Livingstone (Renee Nix), 505-913-1760, rnix@sfcfire.org

Co-Autocrat:

Lady Natalie

To Arms! To Arms!

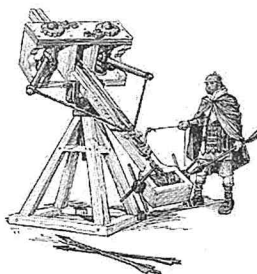
Greetings unto the populace of mighty al-Barran and the Outlands.

I bring news of a dire threat on the northern borders of our fair barony. At al-Barran Midwinter Celebration, the Baron Fontaine dans Sable was overheard making comments of a covetous nature regarding the small border community of Cuba, a quaint township long held as part of the greater al-Barran.

With the ascension of a new baron and baroness, it was hoped that these envious and ill-conceived desires would be at an end. But alas, it would appear the desire of conquest and war is held more dearly by Baron Gara Gan than by his forebear. Even now, word has been received of feverish work on weapons of mass and wanton destruction being developed in the dark halls and foundries of Fontaine dans Sable.

al-Barran, the Cuban Ballista Crisis is a reality.

Our beloved baron, Sir Gregor, will lead our hosts onto the field, to attain victory not only on the heavy field, but to demonstrate his skills in both rapier and archery.



The populace of al-Barran is invited to meet this threat at a demo/fighter practice to be held in Cuba on Sunday, April 29, 2007. Heavy fighters, light fighters, archers, engineers, and those populace with skills in the Arts and Sciences throughout the Outlands and beyond are all invited. Site will open at 08:00 and close at 18:00. This is a non-camping event. There are no site fees.

The site is located approximately 1 mile north of Cuba on US550 and can be seen from the highway. Signs will be posted, as well as baronial banners of the right and true holder of this village. Cuba lies approximately 83 miles north of al-Barran and 100 miles south of Fontaine dans Sable along US550. In the event of a late April storm, the event will be rescheduled to a later date. Check the al-Barran website (www.al-Barran.org, events) for the most current information.

Autocrat: Lord Eiríkr geirsbrjotr (called Eldonerik)
Al Ericson, 505-271-8093, ale1066@gmail.com

Grand Outlandish Tournament

Barony of al-Barran
24 May – 28 May 2007
Torrance County Park
"Welcome to Novgorod"
www.grandoutlandish.org

To all the known world, Their Excellencies Sir Gregor von Münchhausen and Lady Monika the Fair, Baron & Baroness of al-Barran send greetings,

Their Excellencies of al-Barran wish to extend Their warmest invitations to Grand Outlandish Tournament. The site will open at noon on Thursday, May 24th 2007. Let us take you on a journey that explores the splendor and wonder of medieval Russia. From folklore to history, we have it all! This year's Grand Outlandish features Fighting, Merchants, Competitions, Archery, Parties, Arts & Sciences, and some Fighting (yes I know I said fighting twice). This year will be spectacular!!! There will be something here for everyone! If you're bored, then you aren't trying!

Pre-registration available

Non-Member Surcharge applies to all people over the age of 17 without proof of membership. All pre-registrations must be postmarked by May 1, 2007 (see website for details). In order to get the Family Cap, you MUST be pre-registered. Send check or money order to: Grand Outlandish, P.O. Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125.

Fees (based on date of arrival)

Wednesday, 23 May:

Adult – \$25.00; Child (6-17) – \$15.00; Child (0-5) - FREE

Thursday, 24 May – Saturday, 26 May 07:

Adult – \$20.00; Child (6-17) – \$10.00; Child (0-5) – FREE

Sunday, 27 May:

Adult – \$10.00; Child (6-17) – \$5.00; Child (0-5) – FREE

Family Cap

In order to get the Family Cap, you MUST be pre-registered.

Thursday - \$65.00

Friday – Saturday - \$50.00

Sunday - No family cap

Merchants WELCOME!

Please contact Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (kballar@unm.edu) for more information.

Volunteer positions filling fast! To guarantee your position please contact THL Theresa de la Cabeza Vaca (too_be_free@hotmail.com).

Autocrat: THL Christopher Blackwood, ChrisGraham01@aol.com

SCA Camping Checklist

by Sir Dennis the Wright, originally for Guest Fest

Your Items:

Small, sharp knife
First Aid Kit (with four quarters or more phone change, and pencil and paper)
Mundane clothing and garb
Rain gear
Water
Flashlight
Snack food
Matches
Sleeping pad
Sleeping bag
Eating kit
Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Dental floss
Comb
Washcloth
Towel
Watch
Camera and film
Notebook with pens/pencils
Gloves
Sunscreen
Thread and needles
Safety pins
Hat
Duct tape
Maps

Group Items:

Tent(s)
Cooking stove
Pots/pans
Cooking utensils – spatula, large spoon, ladle
Dishcloth
Soap
Bleach
Plastic trash bags
Toilet paper
Oven mitts or tongs
Several gallon water containers
Washbasin or tubs
Grill, dutch ovens (as needed)
Rope, heavy twine
Aluminum foil
Extra propane
Batteries
Wet Wipes
Fire extinguisher (but don't set it under or right next to the stove)

Check It: Anything that you will use that will touch food, carry food, cook food, or clean up after a meal needs to be inspected prior to packing. A non-functional stove will really be upsetting. Coolers need to be totally cleaned and sanitized. The water that collects in the coolers must be something that you would drink. After all, this water is touching your food containers and your hands.

Sleeping pads and sleeping bags need to be checked for overall condition. The sleeping pad only insulates if it inflates and stays inflated. The zipper on the sleeping bag should be functional in order to keep the cold out.

The propane bottles and the stove need to be checked for any leaks. Faulty hoses and/or gaskets can cause fires and fires are a huge issue at SCA camping events.

Medications: Everyone's medicine should be checked prior to packing to ensure that there are enough med's and that the med's are current with an accurate label. Getting to an event and running out of needed medicines can lead to serious problems.

Planning: Establish a list of who is camping with you and eating with you. Know when people are supposed to arrive at the event and who they are traveling with. If someone is over due, have emergency phone numbers so you can call and find out what (if anything) is wrong.

Go over the menu for the event with everyone to make sure that anyone with a food allergy is not being excluded from a meal. Good food, even with two different meals to accommodate people with allergies, is vital to people having fun.

As much as possible (coordinate with a neighboring camp if necessary) leave someone in camp to watch over your things. This is a safety issue and not an anti-theft issue. Should a fire break out, or someone is lost in your camp, or a member of your camp comes back injured—this person will be a great asset.

If you can, make sure that there is extra space in a truck or trailer in the event that someone's vehicle breaks down. If you need more space to get things home, check with the people around you. We are a friendly bunch.

Initiate a phone calling tree to check that everyone got back home safely. Again, have emergency numbers to call if a problem arises.

15 Minutes: The most helpful thing that you can do is to take a break. After you are done packing the vehicle, take a break and look around. Walk through the areas where you were pulling items from. Go over your check list again. Each time that you stop for gas or rest stop, take a break and look around you. Check the load in the vehicle. And at the end of the event, when everything is packed, take a break. Walk through the area where you were camping. Pick up the small bits of trash. Take a break.

The worst thing that you can do in SCA camping is to panic. By taking these simple breaks, you will find that you discover that the sturdy boots are not packed, or the bag of mixed nuts did not make it into the food bag, or you left your hat on a chair. Take a break—it is one of the most important things that you can do.

Court Dancing

Our next Court Dance practice will be April 15th at fighter practice park, Bataan Park, from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Everyone, age 7 and up are welcome at our court dance practices. Court dance practices are also at UNM on the 3rd floor of the SUB in the Santa Ana room, the first and third Monday evenings at 7-9pm with Lady Dovey (alzarqa13@yahoo.com).

If you want more information concerning court dancing in al-Barran, please contact Lady Jayne at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran Music and Court Dance discussion list by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/alBarranMusic_Dance/. This free Yahoo discussion list will give you the latest information concerning dance practices and Scorpion Scales music practices in al-Barran.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Jayne Barber



This Month in Medieval History

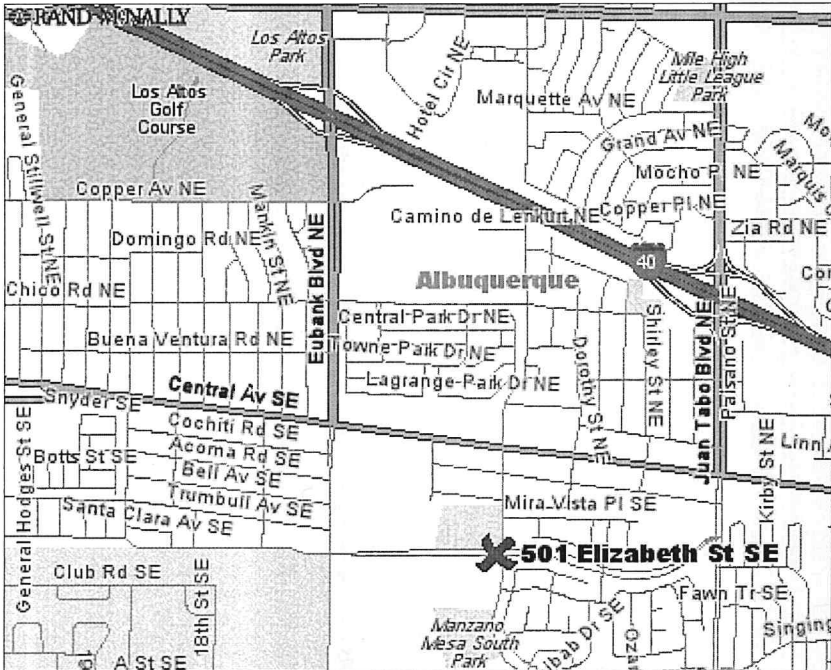
- 1014 - Battle of Clontarf: Brian Boru defeats Viking invaders, but is killed in battle.
- 1079 - Bishop Stanislaus of Krakow is executed by order of Boleslaw II of Poland.
- 1093 - The new Winchester Cathedral is dedicated by Walkelin.
- 1111 - Henry V is crowned Holy Roman Emperor.
- 1139 - Roger II of Sicily is excommunicated.
- 1180 - Frederick Barbarossa issues the Gelnhausen Charter.
- 1205 - Battle of Adrianople between Bulgarians and Crusaders.
- 1241 - Batu Khan defeats Béla IV of Hungary at the Battle of Muhi.
- 1250 - The Seventh Crusade is defeated in Egypt, Louis IX of France is captured.
- 1320 - The Scots reaffirm their independence by signing the Declaration of Arbroath.
- 1348 - The founding of the Order of the Garter by King Edward III of England.
- 1397 - Geoffrey Chaucer tells the Canterbury Tales for the first time at the court of Richard II.
- 1413 - Henry V is crowned King of England.
- 1429 - Joan of Arc arrives to relieve the Siege of Orléans.
- 1440 - Christopher of Bavaria is appointed King of Denmark.
- 1506 - The cornerstone of the current St. Peter's Basilica is laid.
- 1509 - Henry VIII ascends the throne of England after the death of his father.
- 1521 - Martin Luther speaks to the assembly at the Diet of Worms, refusing to recant his teachings.
- 1533 - The Church of England annuls the marriage between Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII of England.

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is located at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center, 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. The meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be on April 17th. Please contact the Seneschal, THL Y Port Lairge at 265-0161 for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue on Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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